

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Holders of [REDACTED] Estimate of the Chinese Communist Air Threat to India," dated 17 January 1963

1. Attached are revisions of the appendices to the above estimate designed to provide up-to-date information on Chinese Communist air order of battle.

2. The conclusions of the estimate (paragraphs 33-38) remain basically valid. The entire matter of the Chinese Communist threat to India is currently under review, including the papers [REDACTED] Estimate of the Chinese Communist Ground Threat to India from Tibet and Sinkiang" and [REDACTED] Estimate of Chinese Communist Capabilities for Attacking India Through Burmese Territory," both dated 14 August 1963.

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APPENDIX A

CCAF/CCNAF AIR ORDER OF BATTLE*

| TYPE OF AIRCRAFT | ROLE | CCAF | | 17 JAN 1963 ^{a/} | | 15 APR 1964 ^{a/} | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--|
| | | NO. | TOTAL | NO. | TOTAL | | |
| FAGOT (MIG-15) | Jet Ftr (Day) | 690 | | 620 ^{b/} | | | |
| FRESCO (MIG-17) | Jet Ftr (Day) | 785 | | 780 | | | |
| FRESCO D (MIG-17D) | Jet Ftr (LAW) ^{c/} | 145 | | 145 | | | |
| FARMER (MIG-19) | Jet Ftr (Day) | 60 | | 80 ^{d/} | | | |
| | | | 1,680 | | 1,625 | | |
| BEAST (IL-10) | Piston Engine Ftr (Grnd Atk) | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| FAGOT (MIG-15) | Jet Ftr (Grnd Atk) | -- | ^{e/} | 30 ^{f/} | | | |
| | | | | ^{b/} | 70 | | |
| BAT (TU-2) | Piston Lt Bmr | 100 | | 90 | | | |
| BEAGLE (IL-28) | Jet Lt Bmr | 175 | | 160 ^{b/} | | | |
| BULL (TU-4) | Piston Med Bmr | 15 | | 15 | | | |
| BADGER (TU-16) | Jet Med Bmr | -- | | 2 ^{g/} | | | |
| | | | 290 | | 267 | | |
| C46/C47 | Transport | 30 | | 30 | | | |
| CAB | Transport | 35 | | 35 | | | |
| COACH | Transport | 35 | | 30 | | | |
| COLT | Transport | 25 | | 50 ^{h/} | | | |
| COOT | Transport | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| CRATE | Transport | 45 | | 47 | | | |
| | | | 172 | | | | |
| HOUND | Helicopter | -- | -- | 20 ^{i/} | 194 | | |
| | | | | 20 | 20 | | |
| TOTAL | | | 2,182 | | 2,176 | | |

| CCNAF | | 17 JAN 1963 ^{a/} | | 15 APR 1964 ^{a/} | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| TYPE OF AIRCRAFT | ROLE | NO. | TOTAL | NO. | TOTAL |
| FAGOT | Jet Ftr (Day) | 170 | | 140 ^{b/} | |
| FRESCO | Jet Ftr (Day) | 70 | | 55 | |
| FRESCO D | Jet Ftr (LAW) ^{c/} | 30 | | 30 | |
| | | | 270 | | 225 |

* This Appendix supersedes old Appendix A.

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|---------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| BAT | Piston Lt Bmr | 5 | | 5 | |
| BEAGLE | Jet Lt Bmr | 150 | | 130 ^{b/} | |
| CAB | Transport | | 155 | | 135 |
| COLT | Transport | 15 | | 15 | |
| CRATE | Transport | 5 | | 15 ^{h/} | |
| | | 5 | | 5 | |
| MADGE | Reconnaissance | | 25 | b/ | 35 |
| | | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL | | | 450 | | 400 |
| COMBINED CCAF/CCNAF TOTAL | | | 2,672 ^{j/} | | 2,576 |

- a/ Figures rounded to nearest five except for the BADGERS, COOTS, and CRATES.
- b/ Reuction due to attrition.
- c/ Limited all weather fighter.
- d/ We do not believe that there has been an increase in FARMERS during the past year. Rather, we believe that our earlier estimate of 60 should have been 80.
- e/ Reference to 30 MIG-15 (FAGOTS), as being specially trained in ground attack, was carried in a footnote to Appendix A in the [REDACTED] study 25X1X7 dated 17 January 1963 and was not included in the total.
- f/ A unit of 30 MIG-15 (FAGOTS) continues to be specially trained in ground attack. All FAGOT/FRESCO aircraft, however, are adaptable to ground attack operations.
- g/ Although these BADGERS may participate in training activity, we do not believe they are capable of conducting combat operations.
- h/ Increase due to domestic production.
- i/ Although HOUNDS probably have been produced within China for several years, our first confirmed evidence of utilization within the CCAF has come within the past year.
- j/ This total adjusted to include the 30 ground attack FAGOTS. See Footnote "e" above.